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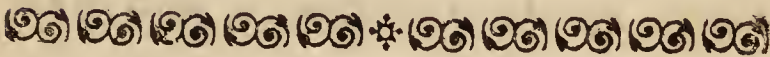
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Introduction.

SEEING the Welfare and Pro-
sperity of all SOCIETIES, de-
pends upon the regular and
steady *Administration* of their *Affairs*,
in a Conformity to the Fundamental
Rules of their Constitution ; and
that such is the Instability and Fluc-
tuancy of Human Affairs, arising

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from Men's different Ways of Thinking and Acting, That regular and steady Administration cannot, in any Measure, be ascertained, without laying down perpetual *Rules of Statutes*, and binding the *Administrators* to an exact *Observance* of them : And seeing the Mismanagement of an HOSPITAL, and Misapplication of its FUNDS, are, by the common Consent of Mankind, deem'd Crimes equal in Wickedness to Sacrilege : And that it is highly expedient, for preventing these Evils, and for establishing and maintaining good *Order* and *Oeconomy*, that *Rules* and *Statutes* be laid down, and that the *Governours* of *Hospitals* should come under sacred and solemn Obligations to observe and obey them, and to act honestly and disinterestedly : Therefore, the following *Statutes* are given, to be a perpetual *Rule* for the *Government* of this *Hospital*.

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STATUTE Ist.

THE HOSPITAL shall be Governed by a Council of Governours, consisting of Twenty one Persons; whereof the Lord Provost, the Four Baillies, the Dean of Guild, and the Treasurer of the City of Edinburgh, during their Continuance in Office, shall be Seven; the Persons who sit in the Town-Council, in the Character of Old Magistrates, during their Continuance in Council in that Character, shall be Seven more; and the Deacon-Conveener, the Two Ministers of the College Church, for the Time being, and Four Tradesmen to be chosen by the Town-Council, shall be the other Seven.

STATUTE II^d.

THE Council of Governours, mentioned in the foregoing Statutes, whereof Eleven, are declared to be a Quorum, shall meet Four Times every Year

The Council of Governours appointed.

The Powers of the Council, Place, and Times of Meeting settled.

Year, in the *HOSPITAL*, viz. on the third *Monday* of *October*, second *Monday* of *January*, second *Monday* of *April*, and second *Monday* of *July*; and as often, at other *Times*, as the *Hospital's* Affairs shall require : And shall have Power and Authority to govern the *Hospital*, censure, punish, and extrude the *Persons* Entertain'd in it ; to chuse, censure, and dismiss all *Officers* and *Servants*, as *Occasion* requires ; to direct its *Oeconomy* within and without *Doors*; to act with the *Treasurer* : And, in *General*, to order all its Affairs, determining and concluding by Majority of *Votes*.

STATUTE III^d.

The Persons to be admitted into, and entertain'd in the *Hospital*, described, their Number adjusted. **T**HE Persons to be admitted into, and maintain'd in the *Hospital*, shall be no other than *old Men* or *old Women*, *Burgeses*, *Burgeses Wives*, or *Children* of *Burgeses*, not married, nor under the *Age* of *Fifty Years* : or shall be Persons of the *Age* and *State* of

of Life before mentioned, presented by the *Donators* of £. 250 *Sterling*; and the *Number* of the *Persons* to be constantly entertain'd, shall be so many, as the *Revenue* of the *Hospital* can conveniently maintain, after *Deduction* of the *Charge* of *Management*, and of maintaining the *Fabrick*.

STATUTE IVth.

THE DONAR of the Sum of *£. 200 Sterling*, shall be privileged to present a Man or Woman to the *Council* of *Governours*, qualified in all *Respects*, as in the foregoing *Statute*: Or, the DONAR of *£. 250 Sterl.* shall be privileged to present any Person whatsoever, of the *Age* and *State* forementioned, to be admitted into, and maintain'd in the *Hospital*, at the End of *Six Months*, after Payment of the respective *Sums* before-mentioned; and the *Privileges* shall descend to *Heirs* and *Successors* whatsoever: *Providing* nevertheless, That no Person be

be presented upon the *Decease* of another till *Twelve Months* are elapsed, after the last Person's *Decease*.

STATUTE Vth.

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ALL Persons admitted into the *Hospital*, shall be provided with *decent Apparel*, *wholesome Food*, and *convenient Lodgings*, furnished with *clean Linnen*, *Bed* and *Bed-cloaths*; shall have such Allowance paid them weekly, for petty *incident Expences*, as the *Council of Governours* shall think fit, and shall be *decently buried* at the *Hospital's* Expence. But each Person shall bring into the *Hospital*, at their *Admission*, a *Bed* and *Bed-cloaths* for their own Use; and shall sign a *Writ*, by which they *transfer* and *dispone* to the Masters, for the *Behoof* of the *Hospital*, all the *Goods* and *Gear*, *Money* or *Effects* they are posselt of at their *Admission*. And shall further solemnly promise before the *Council*, to *demean* themselves *orderly* in the *Hospital*;

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pital ; to be *obedient* to the *Orders* of the *Council* ; and to obey the *Governour* and *Governess*, in all their just and lawful *Commands*.

STATUTE VIth.

THE *Officers* and *Servants* employ'd in the *Hospital*, shall be The Officers and Servants to be employ'd, enumerated.
Two *Masters*, the one a *Merchant*, the other a *Tradesman* ; a *Clerk*, a *Governour*, a *Governess*, a *Caterer* or *Cateress*, a *Porter* or *Messenger*, and as many *Maid Servants* as the *Exigence* of the *Hospital* shall require. Upon the *Death*, *Demission*, or *Removal* of any whereof, the *Council* shall proceed to chuse others in their *Places* within *Fourteen Days* thereafter.

STATUTE VIIth.

THE *Joint-Business* of the Two *Masters* shall be, frequently to The Province of the Masters circumscribed.
Visit the *Hospital*, in order to inspect the *Conduct* and *Behaviour* of all the *Officers*,

Officers, Servants, and Persons entertain'd in it; to report to the Council what they observe to be amiss, and to summon Meetings of the Council, as Occasion requires. But it shall be the particular Province of the Merchant Master to serve as Treasurer to the Hospital, by receiving the Revenue, and defraying the Expence of it; and keeping regular Books of Accompts, in the Form to be prescribed to him by the Council: And of the Tradesman Master, to Inspect the Behaviour of the People in the Hospital, in a particular Manner, and see to the Execution of the Council's Orders.

STATUTE VIIIth.

The
Clerk's
Office and
Salary
settled.

THE Office of the Clerk shall be, to attend all Meetings and Committees; to keep an exact *Sederunt Book of Transactions*, and *Register Book* of all Persons admitted into the Hospital; to write all Committee's Reports; to draw all *Writs* and *Evidents* which
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concern the *Hospital's Affairs*; to keep all the *Papers* belonging to the *Hospital* in a safe Place, and in due Order; and further to do what the *Council* shall, from Time to Time, direct in his *Sphere*. His *Salary* shall be such as the *Council* shall appoint, not exceeding £. 10 *Sterling* Yearly.

STATUTE IXth.

THE Province of the Governour shall be, to inspect the *Manners* and *Behaviour* of all the *Persons* in the *Hospital*, particularly of the *Men*, and to report what he finds amiss to the *Masters*; to *discourse* with them, *counsel*, *advise*, and *reprove* them, as *Occasion* requires; to sit at *Table* where the *Men* eat; to officiate as *Chaplain*, by *praying* with them in the *Morning* and *Evening*, asking *GOD's Blessing*, and returning *Him Thanks* at *Meat*; and further, to do what else the *Council* shall, from Time to Time, direct concerning his *Office*. He shall be

The Governour's Sphere and Salary adjusted.

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maintain'd and entertain'd in the *Hospital* at *Bed and Board*; and his *Salary*, out of which he is to provide himself with *decent Cloaths*, shall be such as the *Council* shall appoint, not exceeding *£. 25 Sterling* Yearly.

STATUTE Xth.

The Governess's
Business
and Salary deter-
mined.

THE Business of the Governess shall be, to inspect the *Manners and Behaviour* of all *Persons* in the *Hospital*, particularly of the *Women*, and to report what she finds amiss to the *Master*; and officiate as *Steward*, taking Charge of the *Provisions* of *Meat and Drink* brought into the *Hospital*, overseeing the *Dressing and Disposal* thereof, and accompting for it to the *Masters*; to *Comptrol* the *Caterer* or *Cateress*, and accompt with him or her, and to sit at the *Head* of the *Table* where the *Women* eat; and further, to do, whatever the *Council* shall, from *Time to Time*, direct concerning her *Office*. She shall be maintain'd and enter-

entertain'd in the *Hospital*, and her *Salary* for providing *Cloaths*, and defraying *personal Charges*, shall be such as the *Council* shall appoint, not exceeding £. 12 *Sterling* Yearly.

STATUTE XIth:

THE Caterer or Cateress Business shall be, to go to the *Merchant*, and buy the *Viuals*, accompt-
ing to the *Governess*, for his or her *Porter* or *Messengers* *Duty* and *Fees*, laid down and fixt.
Intromissions; and, if a *Cateress*, to assist in dressing of them, and doing the other *Parts* of a *Servant's Work* in the

HOSPITAL. His or her *Fee*, and the *Fee* of the other *Maid-servants*, shall be such as the *Governess* shall agree upon with them by Advice of the *Master*. And the *Porter* or *Messenger's* Business shall be, to open and lock the *Gates* regularly, delivering the *Keys* every Night to the *Governour*, and receiving them back from him in the Morning; to summon the *Governours* to all Meetings; and further to do

do what the *Masters*, or the *Governour* and *Governess* shall direct, consistent with the Rules of *Oeconomy* in the *Hospital*. They shall be maintain'd and entertained in the *Hospital*; and the *Porter* or *Messenger's* Salary shall be what the *Council* shall appoint, not exceeding £. 3 *Sterling* Yearly.

STATUTE XIIth.

EVERY *Governour* shall, at his Admission, and before he enter upon the Exercise of his Office, take the following Oath, to be administered to him by the *Clerk*, viz.

The *Governour*
and *Officers*
Oaths
compiled.

I A. B. Do faithfully promise, and solemnly swear, That I will punctually observe the STATUTES of this HOSPITAL, and demean my self uprightly, disinterestedly, and honestly in the Choice of Officers and Servants, and in all other Matters which concern the Hospital; and if I, at any Time, find any Person attempting, or endeavouring

to Embezzle its Revenue, or defraud it in any Manner, I will vigorously oppose him, and reveal it to the Council of Governours for the Time Being. This I promise and swear by G O D, and as I shall Answer to Him at the Great Day.

EVERY Master shall, in like manner, before he enter upon the Exercise of his Office, take the following Oath, viz.

I A. B. Now appointed Master of the TRINITY-HOSPITAL, do faithfully promise, and solemnly swear, That I shall faithfully and honestly perform all that is required of me, by the STATUTES of this HOSPITAL, by G O D, and as I shall Answer to Him at the Great Day.

AND the same Oath, *mutatis mutandis*, shall be taken by the Governour and Governess.

CONCLUSION.

The Use
of Sta-
tures and
Oaths.

THE *Administration* of the *Hospital's Affairs* being thus settled by *unalterable Rules*, and the faithful Execution of these *Rules*, being charged home upon the *Conscience* of every *Governour* and *Officer* by the *Oath* of *God*; it is to be hoped, That by the *Blessing of Heaven*, the *pious* and *laudable Ends* of this *charitable Foundation*, will be fully attained, to the *Comfort* of the *Poor*, and the *Honour* of *those* who now *are*, and in all future *Times* shall be concerned in the *Management* of its *Affairs*.

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